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Responsive to the Non-Final Office Action of September 3, 2002 (Paper No. 12), Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as revised in the Pre-OG notice dated January 31, 2003.

An Extension of Time for three months, which extends the time for replying to the outstanding Office Action from December 3, 2002, to March 3, 2003, is hereby requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Please charge Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134 in the amount of \$930.00 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Applicant's deposit account no. 19-0134.

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